

B
B
B

LOGNOTE - Chief, Operations Group, 13 March 1986

1. [] BBC Coordination Economic Reportage: I talked yesterday with [] about the BBC complaint that FBIS has cut back on, or at least should do more in, its processing of economic material from East Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He agreed with the Ops view that there has been no significant cut in Middle East/Africa economic reportage to the BBC, which has always been minimal except for oil issues, but thinks it likely that Prod has assumed more East Europe responsibilities as Vienna's increased load has forced it to shift coverage to more time-sensitive topics. Prod is quite willing to provide the BBC with its economic reportage from East Europe, including items covered by the European units. There may be a problem with timeliness, but some speed-up may be possible. What Prod needs is a specific list of BBC requirements. Once the requirements are in hand, Prod will study them and notify BBC of our capabilities to meet the requirements and provide some options on timeliness. If increased BBC interest in the economics of the Middle East has produced new requirements, they should again produce a list of specific requirements for our review.

STAT
STAT

(cc: DC/Prod)

C/LD